



Interstate 5 North Coast

HOV/Express Lanes Project FACT SHEET

GOALS

Reduce current and future traffic congestion on I-5 in the North San Diego Area;

Increase traffic capacity and provide long-range improvements for I-5;

Provide HOV/Managed Lanes to enhance travel options for carpools, buses and single-occupant vehicles;

Improve coastal access.

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THE IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed improvements include High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Managed Lanes, auxiliary lanes and possibly one general-purpose lane in each direction between La Jolla Village Drive in San Diego and Harbor Drive in Oceanside/Camp Pendleton.

The HOV/Managed Lanes would be free for carpools, vanpools and buses and be available to single occupant vehicles for a fee when there is enough capacity, similar to the existing Express Lanes on I-15. Tolls for single occupant vehicles will increase as lanes reach capacity to encourage high occupancy and transit users.

EASING YOUR COMMUTE

The average daily traffic volume along this portion of freeway is more than 200,000 vehicles and is expected to reach more than 300,000 by 2030. Commute times within the corridor could reach 100 minutes if no improvements are made. With the proposed improvements, the commute time on the general-purpose lanes could be reduced by half. The Managed Lanes will maintain a free-flow 28-minute commute time to provide a travel time-savings incentive for HOV and reduce demand on the general-purpose lanes.

MILESTONES

The Draft Environmental Document was released for public review in July 2010. Five public meetings were conducted throughout the corridor. Caltrans anticipated selecting a preferred alternative by summer 2011.



